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C O N F I D E N T I A L DOHA 248

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : EFIN QA US

SUBJECT : REPORT OF QATARI PROPOSAL FOR NEW ARAB CURRENCY TO  
RIVAL DOLLAR

REF: DOHA 0243; STATE 043445

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED COPY OF SULZBERGER ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED  
IN MARCH 1-2 EDITION OF INT'L HERALD TRIB. PERTINENT QUOTE IS  
"IT (EGYPT) IS NOT RUSHING INTO REGIONAL VISIONS THAT SMACK  
OF FUTUROLOGY-- LIKE THAT CONCEIVED IN THE EMIRATE OF QATAR, FORE-  
SEEING A NEW 'ARAB CURRENCY" OR "DINAR" TO RIVAL THE WAVERING  
DOLLAR." ON MARCH 3 WE QUERIED GOQ DIRECTOR OF FINANCE ON RE-  
PORTED QATARI PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN ARTICLE BUT,  
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IN ANY CASE, WAS NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH GOQ PROPOSAL.

HE SAID THERE WAS OFF-CHANCE THAT GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE  
COULD HAVE MADE SOME SUCH COMMENT AT ONE OF RECENT OPEC OR  
OTHER ARAB CONCLAVES, BUT HE FELT THAT HIGHLY UNLIKELY. HE  
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD ON  
VARIOUS OCCASIONS BY KUWAITIS, AMONG OTHERS.

2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHETHER SULZBERGER ARTICLE HAS ANY  
RELATION TO BAGHDAD MEETING OF OAPC CENTRAL BANK EXPERTS AND  
POSSIBILITY THAT ANY SERIOUS PROPOSAL MADE THERE FOR COMMON ARAB  
CURRENCY (STATE REFTEL). IN ANY EVENT, IT APPEARS THAT GOQ HAS  
DISOWNED PARENTAGE OF ANY SUCH PROPOSAL.  
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